

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-37 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-37 stand rejected. By virtue of this response, claims 11 and 23 have been cancelled and claims 1, 3, 12, 18, 24, 26, and 28 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-10, 12-22, and 24-37 are currently under consideration. Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented. No new matter has been added by the present amendment.

**Drawings**

The drawings stand objected to. Applicants have amended Figure 1 to include the legend "Related Art." Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

**Specification**

The disclosure stands objected to because of an informality regarding the brief description pertaining to Figure 1. Applicants have amended the specification as indicated above to refer to the "related art optical servo writer system." Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-5, 12-15, 18-20, 22, 23, 28-31 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee et al. (US Publication 2002/0167751 A1).

Independent claims 1, 12, 18, and 28 have been amended to include features similar to that of claim 11, e.g., wherein the spatial filter includes "an ablatable film bonded to a clear substrate." Lee does not disclose or suggest this feature, nor is Lee alleged to. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

The Examiner rejected claims with this limitation, e.g., claim 11, under 35 U.S.C. § 103,

and are therefore addressed fully below under the appropriate heading.

### **Double Patenting**

Claim 1 is provisionally rejected as double patenting over claim 1 of copending Application No. 10/140,098 (Lee et al. US Pub 2002/0167751 A1).

As detailed above, claim 1 has been amended to include a spatial filter, wherein the spatial filter includes “an ablatable film bonded to a clear substrate.” This feature is not disclosed by Lee, nor is it alleged to. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

### **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

A. Claims 1-8, 12-16, 18-25, and 28-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Applicant’s Prior Art Figure 1 (APAF) in view of Krantz (US Patent No. 6,248,988).

As detailed above, claims 1, 12, 18, and 28 have been amended to include a spatial filter including “an ablatable film bonded to a clear substrate.” This feature is not disclosed or suggested by Applicant’s Figure 1 in view of Krantz, nor is it alleged to. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

B. Claims 9, 10, 17, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Applicant’s Prior Art Figure 1 (APAF) in view of Krantz (US Patent No. 6,248,988) as applied to claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 16, 18, 23 and 24 above, and further in view of Ina (US Patent No. 4,669,883).

As detailed above, claims 1, 12, and 18 have been amended to include a spatial filter including “an ablatable film bonded to a clear substrate.” This feature is not disclosed or suggested by Applicant’s Figure 1 in view of Krantz and Ina, nor is it alleged to. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

C. Claims 11, 25, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the APAF in view of Krantz as applied to claims 1, 16, 18, 23, and 24 above and further in view of Temple et al. (US Patent No. 6,228,311).

Independent claims 1, 12, 18, and 28 have been amended to include a spatial filter including “an ablatable film bonded to a clear substrate.” The applied references, alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest all of the features of claims 1, 12, 18, and 28. Specifically, Temple fails to disclose or suggest a spatial filter comprising an ablatable film bonded to a clear substrate as recited in amended claims 1, 12, 18, and 28. Although Temple discloses ablating a mask blank (col. 8, lines 54-60), Temple does not disclose a spatial filter including an ablatable film bonded to a clear substrate. Further, Temple fails to suggest modifying a mask blank to include an ablatable film bonded to a clear substrate in an optical servo writer system as presently claimed. Accordingly, the combination of references fails to disclose the features of claims 1, 12, 18, and 28 and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Additionally, the applied references, alone or in combination, fail to provide a teaching, suggestion, or motivation to modify an optical servo writer system to meet the features of claims 1, 12, 18, and 28. Even if the references disclosed or suggested all of the features of claims 1, 12, 18, and 28, the Examiner has failed to provide sufficient teaching, suggestion, or motivation to modify an optical servo writer to meet the features of claims 1, 12, 18, and 28. The references are neither in the field of the Applicant’s endeavor, e.g., optical servo writer systems and methods, or reasonably pertinent to the particular problem of laser ghosts. Krantz discloses a multispot scanning optical microscope image acquisition system for confocal and conventional imaging systems. As described in column 9, lines 4-34 of Krantz, a spatial filter is used to minimize crosstalk between adjacent light spots (used to image an object 35) by reducing their sidelobes. Further, Temple discloses methods and system for forming nozzles for inkjet printheads (col. 1, lines 6-9). Accordingly, one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to modify an optical servo writer system with the present features in light of references disclosing filters to minimize crosstalk between adjacent light spots in an optical microscope image acquisition system and masks for forming inkjet printhead

nozzles.

Applicants therefore respectively request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 1, 12, 18, and 28 and all claims that depend therefrom.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

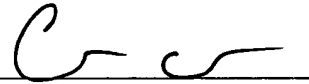
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